

NDE Bulletin
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2011-2012 Teacher Vacancy Survey - Opens October 15 and Closes November 15

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The Teacher Vacancy Survey is sent annually to all Nebraska public school districts for the purpose of gathering data relating to teacher supply. The information collected from survey responses is essential in determining official teacher shortage areas for the state. Teachers employed to teach in a content area that has been designated as an official teacher shortage area may be eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities.

The Teacher Vacancy Survey opens October 15 and is due November 15. The survey can be found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.

ARRA/ESEA Update

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ARRA/ESEA Update October 2011 has been taped and will be available on video-streaming on Monday, October 17, 2011 at: http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA_NCLB%20Updates.html The powerpoint used in the presentation is also available at that address. There will be no telecast. The agenda includes: changes in Title III's accountability requirements, the latest information on Waivers and the State of the Schools report.

Staff Reporting Validation Errors

Contact: Approval and Accreditation (402-471-2444)

NDE is continuing work on the NSSRS Validation Errors for the new NSSRS Staff Reporting system. Currently there are two validation errors that are very important for you to review. Error 487 shows staff in positions that require certification. This error occurs for one of two reasons: either the person may not have a certificate or the certificate that the person holds may not be a valid certificate. This error replaces the process Approval and Accreditation did by paper in the past. Approval and Accreditation staff may be contacting you regarding these errors. Error 488 shows staff in selected positions that do not have the appropriate endorsement for that position. Please go to NSSRS Validation and Review Errors for Staff to see if you have either of these errors. If you need to correct data in the NSSRS Staff Reporting system, go into the Enter/Edit data selection to edit the specific record(s) involved. If you did an upload, you may also want to correct the data in that file too; but it is not necessary to upload an entire file again.

2011 Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate Student Roster

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Districts will now be able to view a list of students who make up the Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate at a district or school level on the Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool (G-CAT). The list contains information about the student's demographics and his or her graduation status. The *Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate Student Roster* link is located below the Category table on the result page. The G-CAT tool is updated each night and follows the Graduation Cohort from the beginning of 9th grade and continues to be updated through the extended years. Remember, the *Current Graduation Cohort* and *Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate Student Roster* may not contain the same list of students.